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Case/Docket No. 58800.919C

In re Application of: MAKOTO SAITO

Serial No. 08/895,493

Filed: July 16, 1997 (Continuation of U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 08/416,037, Filed 3/31/95)

For METHOD FOR CONTROLLING DATABASE COPYRIGHTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this Application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

XXX No additional fee is required.

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XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 08-1520. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of \_\_\_ month, pursuant to Rule 1.136.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ is attached for processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ is attached for presentation of additional claim(s).

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No.: 08/895,493 ) Group Art Unit: 2766  
Filed: July 16, 1997 )  
(Continuation of U.S. Patent )  
Application Serial No. 08/416,037 )  
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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING )  
DATABASE COPYRIGHTS )

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 20, 1998 in the present application. Claims 95-142 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has made claims 95-142 subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner states:

3. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

a. Species I, directed to supplying copyright related data or programs from the database, see e.g. claims 97, 101, 113, 117, 129 and 133.

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b. Species II, directed to supplying copyright related data and programs from the key control center, see, e.g. claims 96, 100, 112, 116, 128, and 132.

c. Species III, directed to supplying part of copyright related data and programs from the key control center and another part of copyright related data or programs from the database, see, e.g. claims 98, 102, 114, 118, 130, and 134.

4. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 95, 111, and 127 are generic.

5. Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must:

a. identify the species that is elected consonant with this requirement;

b. specifically list *all claims that read on the elected species*, including any claim subsequently added;

c. specifically list *all claims that do not read on the elected species*, including any claim subsequently added; and

d. specifically list *all generic claims*, thus furthering compact prosecution upon allowance of a generic claim, which allowance entitles Applicant to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant wishes to elect the species identified by the Examiner as Species I for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional or continuing application.

Applicant believes that the following claims read on the elected Species I:  
Claims 97, 101, 107, 113, 117, 123, 129, 133 and 139.

Applicant identifies the following claims as not reading on the species as elected: Claims 96, 98, 100, 102, 106, 108, 112, 114, 116, 118, 122, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 138 and 140.

Applicant believes that the following claims include all species identified by the Examiner and are therefore generic: Claims 95, 99, 103, 104, 105, 109, 110, 111, 115, 119, 120, 121, 125, 126, 127, 131, 135, 136, 137, 141 and 142.

Respectfully submitted,

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